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APPLICANT: Dapprich *et al.*  
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FILING DATE: December 11, 2000  
ART UNIT: 1632  
FOR: METHOD FOR SELECTIVELY ISOLATING A NUCLEIC ACID

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

1. Response to Office Action Mailed November 19, 2001 (1 pgs);
2. Petition for Extension of Time (1 pg);
3. Check No. 12842 in the amount of \$460.00 to cover extension fee;
4. Paper Copy of the Sequence Listing (2 pgs);
5. Computer Readable Form Copy of the Sequence Listing (1 disk);
6. Statement in Support of Computer Readable Form (1 pg); and,
7. Return Postcard.

Small entity status is appropriate for this application. The Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 22650-001 CIP). A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (617) 542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts

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Response to November 19, 2001 Office Action

In response to the Office Action mailed November 19, 2001 ("Office Action"), please amend the application as indicated below and consider the following remarks.

In the claims:

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Cancel claims 2 and 20.

Amend the following claims:

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1. (Amended) A method for separating a nucleic acid of interest from a population of nucleic acid molecules, the method comprising;

providing a population of nucleic acid molecules comprising at least one nucleic acid sequence of interest, wherein said at least one nucleic acid sequence of interest includes a distinguishing element;